

By Mr. ROBB (for himself, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 1176. A bill to provide for greater access to child care services for Federal employees; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. HARKIN (for himself, Mr. KERREY, and Mr. GRASSLEY):

S. 1177. A bill to amend the Food Security Act of 1985 to permit the harvesting of crops on land subject to conservation reserve contracts for recovery of biomass used in energy production; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DASCHLE:

S. 1178. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain parcels of land acquired for the Blunt Reservoir and Pierre Canal features of the Oahe Irrigation Project, South Dakota, to the Commission of Schools and Public Lands of the State of South Dakota for the purpose of mitigating lost wildlife habitat, on the condition that the current preferential leaseholders shall have an option to purchase the parcels from the Commission, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1179. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale, delivery, or other transfer of any type of firearm to a juvenile, with certain exceptions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. DODD, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DORGAN):

S. 1180. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, to reauthorize and make improvements to that Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LEAHY:

S. 1181. A bill to appropriate funds to carry out the commodity supplemental food program and the emergency food assistance program during fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. DOMENICI:

S. 1182. A bill to authorize the use of flat grave markers to extend the useful life of the Santa Fe National Cemetery, New Mexico, and to allow more veterans the honor and choice of being buried in the cemetery; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. NICKLES:

S. 1183. A bill to direct the Secretary of Energy to convey to the city of Bartlesville, Oklahoma, the former site of the NIPER facility of the Department of Energy; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. DOMENICI (for himself and Mr. KYL):

S. 1184. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to dispose of land for recreation or other public purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. ABRAHAM (for himself, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. LOTT, Mr. BOND, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. COVERDELL, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. HELMS, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. MACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. HUTCHINSON, and Mr. ENZI):

S. 1185. A bill to provide small business certain protections from litigation excesses and to limit the product liability of non-manufacturer product sellers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. BROWNBAC (for himself, Mr. FRIST, Mr. HUTCHINSON, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. MACK, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Res. 109. A resolution relating to the activities of the National Islamic Front government in Sudan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. HUTCHISON (for herself, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MACK, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. ASHCROFT, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ENZI, Mr. GORTON, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. REID, Mr. ROBB, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. ROTH, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WELLSTONE, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. BIDEN, and Mr. EDWARDS):

S. Res. 110. A resolution designating June 5, 1999, as "National Race for the Cure Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRAHAM (for himself, Mr. BURNS, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BOND, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MACK, Mr. THURMOND, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. TORRICELLI, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Ms. LANDRIEU, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. ROBB, Mr. ENZI, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. GORTON, Mr. DODD, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CLELAND, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. ABRAHAM, Mr. DORGAN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. REID, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. BYRD, Mr. INOUE, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BRYAN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. HOLLINGS, and Mr. HATCH):

S. Res. 111. A resolution designating June 6, 1999, as "National Child's Day"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. FEINGOLD:

S. Res. 112.; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. BROWNBAC, Mr. MACK, and Mr. LIEBERMAN):

S. Con. Res. 36. A concurrent resolution condemning Palestinian efforts to revive the original Palestine partition plan of November 29, 1947, and condemning the United Nations Commission on Human Rights for its April 27, 1999, resolution endorsing Palestinian self-determination on the basis of the original Palestine partition plan; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Ms. MIKULSKI (for herself, Mr. DODD, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. KENNEDY, Mrs. MURRAY, and Mr. WELLSTONE):

S. 1142. A bill to protect the right of a member of a health maintenance or-

ganization to receive continuing care at a facility selected by that member, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENIORS' ACCESS TO CONTINUING CARE ACT OF 1999

• Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the "Seniors' Access to Continuing Care Act of 1999", a bill to protect seniors' access to treatment in the setting of their choice and to ensure that seniors who reside in continuing care communities, and nursing and other facilities have the right to return to that facility after a hospitalization.

As our population ages, more and more elderly will become residents of various long term care facilities. These include independent living, assisted living and nursing facilities, as well as continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs), which provide the entire continuum of care. In Maryland alone, there are over 12,000 residents in 32 CCRCs and 24,000 residents in over 200 licensed nursing facilities.

More and more individuals and couples are choosing to enter continuing care communities because of the community environment they provide. CCRC's provide independent living, assisted living and nursing care, usually on the same campus—the Continuum of Care. Residents find safety, security and peace of mind. They often prepay for the continuum of care. Couples can stay together, and if one spouse needs additional care, it can be provided right there, where the other spouse can remain close by.

Most individuals entering a nursing facility do so because it is medically necessary, because they need a high level of care that they can no longer receive in their homes or in a more independent setting, such as assisted living. But residents are still able to form relationships with other residents and staff and consider the facility their "home". I have visited many of these facilities and have heard from both residents and operators. They have told me about a serious and unexpected problem encountered with returning to their facility after a hospitalization.

Hospitalization is traumatic for anyone, but particularly for our vulnerable seniors. We know that having comfortable surroundings and familiar faces can aid dramatically in the recovery process. So, we should do everything we can to make sure that recovery process is not hindered.

Today, more and more seniors are joining managed care plans. This trend is likely to accelerate given the expansion of managed care choices under the 1997 Balanced Budget Act. As more and more decisions are made based on financial considerations, choice often gets lost. Currently, a resident of a continuing care retirement community or a nursing facility who goes to the hospital has no guarantee that he or she will be allowed by the managed care organization (MCO) to return to